

head slider from the mounting surface.

8. (Twice Amended) A disk unit for reading information from and writing information to a disk, comprising:

a head assembly having a mounting surface, a head slider provided with a head and mounted on the mounting surface, and an integrated circuit chip which is mounted on the mounting surface and processes information read from and/or written to the disk via the head,

said integrated circuit chip being covered by a layer,

a height of the integrated circuit chip, including the layer, being lower than a height of the head slider from the mounting surface.

33. (Amended) A unit for reading information from and writing information to a recording medium, comprising:

a head assembly having a mounting surface, a head slider provided with a head and mounted on the mounting surface, and an integrated circuit chip which is mounted on the mounting surface and processes information read from and/or written to the recording medium via the head,

said integrated circuit chip being covered by a layer,

a height of the integrated circuit chip, including the layer, being lower than a height of the head slider from the mounting surface.